

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In an electronic device that provides an on-line educational course, a method comprising:

providing an interactive fill-in-the-blank applet, wherein said applet generates a graphical user interface displaying a text box, a question, two or more selectable graphical user interface objects for use by a user to interact with the interactive fill-in-the-blank applet, and instructions to a the user to enter an answer to the question in the text box; and

forwarding the applet from the electronic device to a remote client, wherein said applet automatically provides a correct answer in the text box after the user surpasses a predetermined number of attempts.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said applet provides feedback to the user indicating whether an answer entered by the user is correct.

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Claims 3 - 4 (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[4]] 1, wherein said applet prevents the user from entering an answer after said predetermined number of attempts.

6. (Previously Presented) In an electronic device that provides an on-line educational course, a method comprising:

receiving a request for a Web page at the electronic device from a remote client;
and

in response to said receiving step, sending a Web page containing a question and a fill-in-the-blank applet embedded therein to the remote client, said applet generating a graphical user interface (GUI) including instructions to a user to enter an answer to the question provided by said Web page, wherein the fill-in-the-blank applet includes a definition file, which is unavailable to the user, defining a correct answer to the question

such that the definition file is separate from a source code for said Web page to prevent a user from obtaining the correct answer by viewing the source code.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said Web page comprises a page of an on-line educational course.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said Web page includes an applet tag instructing a browser to execute instructions for running the fill-in-the-blank applet.

Claims 9 - 10 (Cancelled).

11. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium for use in an electronic device that provides an on-line educational course, comprising

DI instructions for running a fill-in-the-blank applet for displaying a question and a text box to a user, wherein the user can enter an answer to the question in the text box, the medium including hypertext markup language (HTML) code, which includes the question, to reference the applet; and

a definition file, unavailable to the user, indicating a correct answer for said question, said definition file being separate from the HTML code to prevent the user from obtaining the correct answer by looking at the HTML code.

12. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the instructions are executable on a virtual machine.

13. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 11, wherein the instructions are stored on a server and downloaded to a local processor of the user.

Claims 14-16 (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) An electronic device for providing an on-line educational course comprising
- a processor;
 - a display screen; and
 - memory including a Web page having an interactive fill-in-the-blank applet embedded therein, the applet automatically providing a correct answer after the user surpasses a predetermined number of attempts, wherein said processor executes said fill-in-the-blank applet to generate a graphical user interface on said display screen, said graphical user interface displaying a question, a text box, two or more selectable graphical user interface objects for use by a user to interact with said fill-in-the-blank applet, and instructions to a the user to enter an answer to the question in said text box.
18. (Original) The electronic device of claim 17, further comprising a browser for locating and displaying said Web page.
19. (Original) The electronic device of claim 18, further comprising a network connection for connecting said electronic device to a computer network.
20. (Original) The electronic device of claim 17, further comprising input media to allow the user to enter said answer.
21. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein the two or more selectable graphical user interface objects comprise graphical user interface objects selectable and activatable by the user to change a state of the interactive fill-in-the-blank applet.
22. (New) The electronic device of Claim 17, wherein two or more selectable graphical user interface objects comprise graphical user interface objects selectable and activatable by the user to change a state of the interactive fill-in-the-blank applet.
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